

**STATE OF MISSISSIPPI**

**February 1st, 2021**

**COUNTY OF LOWNDES**

**MINUTE BOOK 370**

**BE IT REMEMBERED** that a regular meeting of The Board of Supervisors of Lowndes County, Mississippi, was held at the Lowndes County Courthouse, Columbus, Mississippi, Monday, the 1<sup>st</sup> day of February, 2021, commencing at 9:00 a.m.

**Present:**

Harry Sanders	Supervisor, District 1
Trip Hairston	Supervisor, District 2, President
John Holliman	Supervisor, District 3
Jeff Smith	Supervisor, District 4
Leroy Brooks	Supervisor, District 5
Tim Hudson Esq.	County Board Attorney
Eddie Hawkins	Sheriff
Cindy Egger Goode	Chancery Clerk
Jay Fisher	County Administrator
County Staff Members	
Members of News Media	
County Citizens	

The following proceedings were had:

**CALL TO ORDER/INVOCATION**

- I. Call to Order, Eddie Hawkins, Sheriff
- II. Presiding, Trip Hairston, Board President
- III. Invocation, John Holliman, Supervisor District 3
- IV. Pledge Of Allegiance, Cindy E. Goode

**I  
Adopt Agenda**

**A. Agenda Review**

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to adopt agenda as amended with changes; Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated herein.)

**II**  
**BOARD MINUTES**

- A. Approve January 15<sup>TH</sup>, 2021 Board Minutes

Motion by Supervisor Holliman to approve January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021 board minutes of the Board of Supervisors; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit B attached hereto and incorporated herein)

**III**  
**Dennis Erby**  
**Concerned Citizen**

Justice Court Security

Motion by Supervisor Sanders to authorize the Sheriff to hire a full-time deputy at Justice Court and amend Sheriff's budget if necessary; Seconded by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0.

**IV.**  
**Lloyd Price**  
**Lowndes County CFO**

- A. County Claims Docket – Period ending January 31, 2021

Motion by Supervisor Holliman to spread on the minutes the County Claims Docket period ending January 31, 2021; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit C attached hereto and incorporated herein)

- B. December 2020 Financials

Motion by Supervisor Sanders to spread on the minutes December 2020 Financials; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit D attached hereto and incorporated herein)

**V.**  
**Mike Aldridge**  
**Lowndes County Assistant Road Manager**

- A. 2021-2025 Road Plan

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve and spread on the minutes the 2021-2025 Road Plan; Seconded by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit E attached hereto and incorporated herein).

**VI.**  
**Bob Calvert**  
**Lowndes County Engineer**

- A. Award bids for State Aid Paving Projects-Falcon Contracting Co, Inc.

Motion by Supervisor Smith to award the bid for State Aid Paving Projects to Falcon Contracting Co., Inc.; Second by Supervisor Sanders. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit F attached hereto and incorporated herein)

- B. Award Bid on Charleigh Ford Drive – Phillips Contracting Co., Inc.

Motion by Supervisor Holliman to award the contract to Phillips Contracting Co., Inc. for improvements on Charleigh Ford Drive; Second by Supervisor Brooks. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit G attached hereto and incorporated herein)

- C. AT&T Utility Permit – Frisco & Canfield Road

Motion by Supervisor Smith to approve and spread on the minutes AT&T Utility Permits for buried copper telecommunications route along Frisco and Canfield Road; Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit H attached hereto and incorporated herein)

- D. Prairie Land Water Utility Permit – Evansdale Road

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve and spread on the minutes Utility Permit for water services along Evansdale Road; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit I attached hereto and incorporated herein)

- E. Permit C-Spire fiber optic cable – Industrial Park Road & Yorkville Road

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve and spread on the minutes C-Spire Permit for fiber optic cable along Industrial Park Road and Yorkville Road; Second by Supervisor Sanders. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit J attached hereto and incorporated herein)

- G. Quotes Confederate Monument Relocation

Update – no action taken

**VII.**  
**Mike Slaughter**  
**Slaughter and Associates**

- A. Redistricting Presentation 2021

Motion by Supervisor Sanders to contact PDD requesting redistricting proposal; Second by Supervisor Hairston. Vote 5-0.

**VIII.**  
**Cindy E. Goode**  
**Lowndes County Chancery Clerk**

A. Surety Bonds

Motion by Supervisor Holliman to approve and spread on the minutes the following Surety Bonds: Lauren Alicia Oswalt as Assistant Receiving Clerk, Kimberley Renee Sanderson as Assistant Purchasing Clerk, and LaToya Cree Williams as Justice Court Deputy Clerk; Seconded by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit K attached hereto and incorporated herein).

**IX.**  
**Greg Andrews**  
**Lowndes County Tax Assessor/Collector**

A. Tax Appeal Issue (CEP #6319)

Motion by Supervisor Sanders to approve and spread on the minutes the Tax Assessor/Collector value set for Caledonia Energy Partners at \$86,472,956.00; Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit L attached hereto and incorporated herein)

**X.**  
**Meryl Fisackerly**  
**Vice President**  
**Golden Triangle Development LINK**

A. LCIDA Funding Agreement

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve and spread on the minutes the LCIDA Funding Annual Contribution Agreement; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 4-1 (Supervisor Sanders voting nay). (Exhibit M attached hereto and incorporated herein)

**XI.**  
**Eddie Hawkins**  
**Lowndes County Sheriff**

A. Retiree Purchase of County Weapon

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to allow Lowndes County Sheriff Deputy Retiree Larry Swearingin to purchase his service weapon. This weapon is surplus property; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit N attached hereto and incorporated herein)

B. Two New Hires

Motion by Supervisor Smith to approve the new hires of Cameron Hickey as Patrol Deputy at a rate of \$17.50 per hour to begin February 8, 2021 and Christopher Blaylock as School Resource Officer at a rate of pay \$17.50 per hour to begin February 8, 2021; Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit O attached hereto and incorporated herein)

C. Request to Apply for the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation Grant

Motion by Supervisor Holliman to allow Lowndes County Sheriff's Department to apply for the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation Grant; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit P attached hereto and incorporated herein)

**XII.**

**Jay Fisher**

**Lowndes County Administrator**

A. Airport Multimodal Grant Approval

Motion by Supervisor Smith to approve the Airport Multimodal Grant; Second by Supervisor Hairston. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit Q attached hereto and incorporated herein)

B. E911 Hire

Motion by Supervisor Smith to approve the E911 hire of Barbara Suzanne DeJean as a part-time dispatcher effective January 27, 2021, with starting rate of pay \$12.50 per hour. Upon completion of her training and 6 months probation she will be promoted to full-time dispatcher at \$13.00 per hour; Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit R attached hereto and incorporated herein)

C. EMA Performance Grant Application Approval

Motion by Supervisor Smith to approve the verification of FY 2021 salaries and positions paid with EMPG Funds: Cindy Lawrence, Director-EMA/E911/Fire Salary \$75,000.00; Shelley Strickland, EMA Officer/Adm Asst Salary \$31,200.00; and Jarius Chatman, EMA Support/Address Coordinator Salary \$23,800.00; Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit S attached hereto and incorporated herein)

D. Recommendation on Deposit Services

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve Trustmark Bank as the county depository bank; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit T attached hereto and incorporated herein)

E. Recreation Reimbursement – Caledonia

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve the recreation reimbursement to the Caledonia Park Commission up to \$50,000.00; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit U attached hereto and incorporated herein)

F. TRVWMDA Approval – Moore’s Creek

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve the TRVWMDA Local Cooperation Agreement cleanout of Moore’s Creek Bridge & Coretta Street and authorize Board President to execute deed regarding same; Seconded by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit V attached hereto and incorporated herein)

**XIII.**

**Trip Hairston  
Board President**

A. SDI Acknowledgement of Assessment

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve refund arising from assessment error on 2015 and 2016 tax rolls; Seconded by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit W attached hereto and incorporated herein)

**XIV.**

**Jeff Smith  
Supervisor District 4**

A. Additional Funding for Roads by Way of Bonding

Motion by Supervisor Hairston for Supervisor Smith and Supervisor Holliman to meet with Lowndes County Engineer Bob Calvert and Assistant Road Manager, Mike Aldridge; Seconded by Supervisor Brooks. Vote 5-0.

**XV.**

**Leroy Brooks  
Supervisor District 5**

A. Proposed Pay Scale County Employees

Discussion – no action taken.

**XVI.**

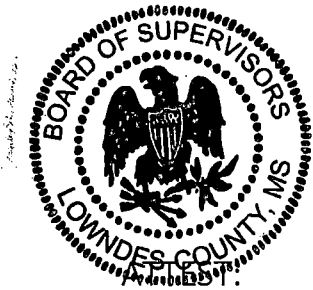
**Tim Hudson  
Board Attorney**

A. Redevelopment Authority deed

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to authorize Board President Trip Hairston to execute Leasehold Warranty Deed to Columbus Redevelopment Authority;

Seconded by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit X attached hereto and incorporated herein)

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to adjourn until Tuesday, February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021; seconded by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0.



*Trip Hairston*

TRIP HAIRSTON, Board President

*Cindy E. Goode, Chancery Clerk*

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